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Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment in the reissuance of the above-referenced patent.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

11. (Amended) A method [for defoliating grape vines] comprising:
generating a flow of superheated steam; and
delivering the flow of superheated steam to a plant sufficient to at least partially defoliate said plant [basal leaves adjacent to developing grape berries].